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Carex, marked by Lieutenant Moody, "Another kind of *Tussac Grass*, common in the Falkland Islands:" this is the *Carex trifida*, above noticed.

The real *Tussac Grass* is the *Festuca flabellata* of D'Urville: and to its extraordinary productiveness, highly succulent and saccharine nature, I believe all voyagers who have visited the Falklands have borne witness. But on this head no accounts are so worthy to be depended upon as those of the present Governor.

I need not say that I have used my best endeavours to have this valuable grass introduced alive to this country. Lieutenant Robinson has sent old flowering spikes, under the idea, so naturally to be entertained, that they contained seeds: but they are all abortive. It is highly probable, that with a plant, increasing so much by the roots, and in such an unfavourable climate as the Falklands for ripening the seeds of plants, the *tussac grass* can only be transmitted, with any chance of success, by taking up the roots and enclosing them in one of Ward's admirable cases, some of which I have already sent to the Islands for that express purpose.

V.—DANAKIL TRIBES.

[The following statistical review of the distribution of the Danakil Tribes is one of a number of supplementary papers forwarded by Captain Harris, along with the report of the Mission's route to Schwá. It is a contribution not devoid of interest to political geography.]

THE tribe and authority of the Sultan of Tagura extend from Mursa Dooan to the Salt Lake. From the Salt Lake to Rumadali is the territory of Loheita Ibn Ibrahim, Agil of the Roheitas, who are also called Debenik. From Rumadali to Suggagidan is the territory of Ibrahim Ibn Hameido, Agil of the Eya Somaui (Wuhima). From Suggagidan to Warnulli is the territory of Wyess Ibn Hugaio, Agil of the Wuhima. From Wanimilli to Murow belongs to the tribe of Debenik, who have two chiefs, Bedr and Abu Keri Ibn Sumbul. From Murow to How, Sheih Omar Buttú of the tribe of Tughael. From How to Ferri there is a mixed population from all the tribes, but principally the Abdalli, under the authority of the Walama Mahomed, under the King of Shwá. These tribes in time of war, or when called out to repel the attacks of either the Eesa or Mudnitas, their neighbours to the S.E. and N.W., assemble together under the title of Debenik Wuhima. The road lies through these tribes from Tajurra to Abyssinia, bounded on the N.W. by the Mudnitas, on the S.E. by the Eesa Somaui as far as Killullu, and from thence by the sub-tribes of the Gulla.
